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Historical and Genealogical Notes and Queries.

ERRATA.—July Magazine, page 37, line 9 from bottom, for "Lowe," read "Ludlowe." Page 60, line 3 from bottom (note) for "Piersly," read "Piersey." Page 63, line 3 from bottom, for "Edward," read "Edmund." Page 77, line 5 from top, for "This," read "Thos." Page 83, line 10, no doubt "Indian Cooper" was an error of the old clerk for "Justinian Cooper," who at the time referred to was a large landholder in Isle of Wight County.

Present number, page 148, line 16 from bottom, strike out "of" before "Jabez Whitaker." The date given in the note on page 163 for the publication of Hartwell, Blair and Chilton's *Present State of Virginia*, is, of course, incorrect. It was originally compiled in October, 1697, by command of the Board of Trade, though not printed until 1727. In 1696 and 1697, Dr. Blair and several others were in London engaged in a strenuous (and successful) effort to cause the removal of Governor Andros. The hostility of the writers of the *Present State* to the administration in Virginia should be remembered while reading this valuable tract.

THE FIRST POEMS PUBLISHED IN VIRGINIA.

In the *Virginia Gazette*, October 22-29, 1736, the thirteenth number of Virginia's first newspaper, is the following advertisement:

"Lately published

POEMS on several Occasions, never before printed. By
a gentleman of Virginia. Price stitched 15*d*."

There is a copy of this rare pamphlet in the library of the Boston Athenæum. The following is a copy of the title page:

Poems | On | Several Occasions. | Quod si non hic tantus fructus
ostinderetur & si ex his | Studiis delectatio sola preteritur; tamen, ut
opinor, hanc | animi remissionem humanissimam & liberatissimam
judi- | caretis. | Cic. | By a Gentleman of Virginia. | [Two lines of orna-
ment.] Williamsburg | Printed and Sold by William Parks | M,DCC,
xxxvi. | [30 pp.]

There is nothing in the verses (which are no worse than those in many volumes published in England in the eighteenth century) of local or personal interest. The author speaks of Oxford as his "mother," but there is no other internal evidence as to his identity.

Not long since some one told the writer of another copy of these poems, which had on its title page a name written in such position as to